(SRI R. G. KAMAT)

(*d*) whether it is a fact that both the societies have submitted applications to the Government to expedite the investigation and settle the matter of allotment of coupes to them in the first week of July 1957?

A.—Smt. LEELAVATHI MAGADI VENKATESH (Deputy Minister for Rural Industries).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) and (*d*) The investigation was completed and it was decided during 1957-58 to sell the forest coupes in public auction instead of selling them at upset price. During 1958-59, two coupes have been allotted to the above Societies.

Second Division Clerks in the District and Sub-Division offices in Tumkur working for more than ten years.

Q.—3230. Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA (Gubbi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of first and second division clerks working in the Tumkur District Office and the Sub-Division Office and staying in Tumkur itself for more than ten years ;

(*b*) the number of them belonging to Tumkur Town and round about villages;

(*c*) since how long these officials are being interchanged in District Head-Quarters itself ?

A.—Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue).—

(*a*) Nil.

(*b*) Does not arise.

(*c*) Does not arise.

Facilities provided to Visitors at Mahakoot in Badami Taluk.

Q.—3951. Sri J. L. KABADI (Indi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they are aware that there is an ancient place of pilgrimage called Mahakoot in Badami Taluk considered as Dakshina Kasi;

(*b*) whether they are also aware that pilgrims, travellers and research persons from foreign countries visit this place,

(*c*) the facilities provided for such tourists ;

(*d*) whether they are aware that there is neither a Rest House nor a proper road facility for travellers to this place?

A.—Sri B. BASAVALINGAPPA (Deputy Minister for Home).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) & (*d*) There are two Inspection Bungalows at Badami where the tourists usually stay. Tongas are available at Badami for the journey to Mahakoot and back. There are two or three small hotels. There is a pucca road from Badami to Kendur and a kutcha road from Kendur to Mahakoot. There is another alternative route from Badami to Mahakoot, *via* Banshankari and Shivayogmandir which is about 11 miles.

High Rate of Land Revenue at Kittur, Athani Taluk.

Q.—1549. Sri V. L. PATIL (Raibag).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the rate of Land Revenue at Kittur in Athani Taluk, Belgaum District, is higher than in other adjacent villages;

(*b*) the reasons therefor ;

(*c*) when was the survey undertaken by the Government in order to reassess the Land Revenue ;

(*d*) whether they have received any representation in this behalf;

(*e*) if so, the steps taken in the matter ?

A.—Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Not known as it is an ex-State village.